



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers

It is hard to believe that we have already reached the end of our first half term! It has certainly been a busy few weeks at Welland Park Academy, and I think we can all agree that everyone deserves the opportunity to slow down, recharge and enjoy a well-earned break.

Tuesday saw the first of our three Year 7 groups heading off to Warner Bros. Studios for the much-anticipated Harry Potter exhibition. This is always an incredibly popular trip with our Year 7 students, and they had a fantastic day exploring the movie sets and costumes, discovering some of the special effects used in the films and learning more about how the magic was brought to life on screen. Our second group will have their turn in November, and we are sure they will enjoy the experience just as much.

On Wednesday, we welcomed families into school for our first Year 11 Progress Evening of the academic year. It was wonderful to see so many parents and carers coming along to support our students at such an important stage in their school journey. A huge thank you also goes to members of our Prom 2027 Committee, who kept everyone refreshed throughout the evening while raising an impressive £137.50 towards their fundraising efforts.

Thursday brought our Year 10 Student Leadership interviews. We were delighted to receive nine applications this year, creating a particularly strong field of candidates. Following the interview process, congratulations go to William, Cecilia and Tassia, who were successful in securing positions. We are very much looking forward to seeing them develop in their new roles and work alongside our current Year 11 Student Leadership team.

As we move into the half term holiday, I would also like to make families aware that we will be undertaking essential electrical infrastructure works across the school site. These works form part of a significant programme of improvements to our facilities and will help ensure our systems remain reliable and fit for the future.

As a result, some school systems, including EduLink, will be unavailable throughout the holiday period from the end of today. Student email accounts will continue to operate as normal. Should we need to contact parents and carers during the break, we will do so via ParentPay communication messages.

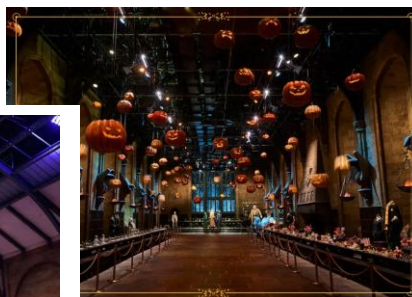
I would also encourage all families to keep an eye on the school website and our social media channels for any urgent updates that may need to be shared while these works are taking place.

And there is plenty to look forward to when we return! Tickets will go on sale for our KS3 Fright Night, which is always a brilliant evening. With plenty of scares and spooky surprises followed by music and dancing, it promises to be a fantastic way to start the new half term.

For now, however, it is time to take a breath. We wish all our students, families and staff a happy, restful and safe half term break. Thank you, as always, for your continued support throughout what has been a fantastic start to the academic year. We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for **Half Term 2**.

Have a fabulous and restful half term break.

Pete Leatherland - Principal





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OCTOBER WELLBEING

Optimistic October 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
 5 Be a realistic optimist. See life as it is, but focus on what's good	 6 Remind yourself that things can change for the better	 7 Look for the good in people around you today	1 Write down three things you can look forward to this month	2 Find something to be optimistic about (even if it's a difficult time)	3 Take a small step towards a goal that really matters to you	4 Start your day with the most important thing on your to-do list
12 Look out for positive news and reasons to be cheerful today	13 Ask for help to overcome an obstacle you are facing	14 Do something constructive to improve a difficult situation	8 Make some progress on a project or task you have been avoiding	9 Share an important goal with someone you trust	10 Take time to reflect on what you have accomplished recently	11 Avoid blaming yourself or others. Find a helpful way forward
19 Identify one of your positive qualities that will be helpful in the future	20 Find joy in tackling a task you've put off for some time	21 Let go of the expectations of others and focus on what matters to you	15 Thank yourself for achieving the things you often take for granted	16 Put down your to-do list and do something fun or uplifting	17 Take a small step towards a positive change you want to see in society	18 Set hopeful but realistic goals for the days ahead
26 Find a new perspective on a problem you face	27 Be kind to yourself today. Remember, progress takes time	28 Ask yourself, will this still matter a year from now?	22 Share a hopeful quote, picture or video with a friend or colleague	23 Recognise that you have a choice about what to prioritise	24 Write down three specific things that have gone well recently	25 You can't do everything! What are your three priorities right now?
			29 Plan a fun or exciting activity to look forward to	30 Identify three things that give you hope for the future	31 Set a goal that brings a sense of purpose for the coming month	

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS **Happier · Kinder · Together** 

Celebrating Success in the UKMT Mathematical Competition for Girls

We are delighted to congratulate four of our Year 11 students who were selected to represent the school in the prestigious UKMT Mathematical Competition for Girls.

The students took part in a challenging 90-minute mathematical competition that tested their problem-solving skills, resilience and mathematical reasoning. Competing against students from schools across the country, all four participants performed exceptionally well and were awarded a **Certificate of Merit** in recognition of their achievements.

The students were Sofia, Evie, Imogen and Kate.

This is a fantastic accomplishment and reflects the students' dedication, perseverance and enthusiasm for mathematics. We are incredibly proud of their success and the positive way they represented our school.

Congratulations to all four students on this outstanding achievement. We look forward to celebrating their continued success in the future.





 The Great French Language Challenge

 The Great German Language Challenge

A huge thank you to all the students who took part in the Great Languages Challenge to celebrate European Day of Languages. We loved looking at all the work that was sent in and we have given lots of achievement points out.

The top ten entries won a prize. These went to Summer-Lily Mackness, Flossie Mathes, Holly Atkins, Lily Morton, Frankie Robertson, Ava Mason, Aiden Watts, Laila Collins and Jessica Ward.

Well done everyone, from the Languages Department!



YOUNG PERSON OF THE YEAR

CONGRATULATIONS to Cecilia in Year 10, who won Young Person of the Year at the Harborough District Community Awards. Cecilia is an outstanding student whose leadership, initiative, and commitment to service have had a lasting impact on our school community. Through her work with the Student Leadership Group, she has helped deliver a number of significant projects, including the Channel charity challenge, a redesigned canteen menu, the 90th anniversary time capsule, and Respect Week. Her independent organisation of a donation drive for the Jubilee Food Bank demonstrated both compassion and organisational skill, while her support in coordinating the Jamaica Hurricane Appeal highlighted her dedication to helping others. Cecilia also excelled in representing the school as a solicitor in the Mock Trial Competition, helping the team achieve an impressive third-place finish.





POP IN AND GRAB
BREAKFAST, A HOT
CHOCOLATE, AN
ICED COFFEE OR A
FRUIT JUICE BEFORE
SCHOOL .

BRING YOUR
FRIENDS, RELAX
AND PREPARE
YOURSELF FOR THE
DAY.

MEET UP WITH FRIENDS BEFORE SCHOOL!

THE MORNING HUB

GOOD FOOD GOOD VIBES GREAT START!

OPEN EVERY SCHOOL DAY | 7:30am – 8:30am

EVERY DAY INCLUDES...

- PAIN AU CHOCOLAT**
- CROISSANT**
- TOAST**

DRINKS

- COFFEE / ICED COFFEE
- TEA
- HOT CHOCOLATE
- JUICE
- SQUASH

DAILY SPECIALS

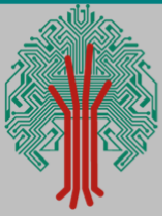
- MONDAY MUFFIN MONDAY**
SAUSAGE PATTY IN A MUFFIN
- TUESDAY TOASTIE TUESDAY**
CHEESE TOASTIE OR CHEESE & HAM TOASTIE
- WEDNESDAY WAFFLE WEDNESDAY**
WAFFLE WITH TASTY TOPPINGS
- THURSDAY TACO THURSDAY**
HASH BROWNS IN A WRAP
- FRIDAY FRUITY FRIDAY**
PANCAKES WITH TOPPINGS

EAT WELL. HANG OUT. TAKE ON THE DAY!

PRICES START FROM 50P

GOOD FOOD GOOD VIBES GREAT START!

Welland Park Academy				
School Menu w/c 26/10/26				
Day	Main Option	Vegetarian Option	Sides	Bowled Over
Monday	Beef Bolognese	Quorn Bolognese	Penne Pasta & Vegetables	Pasta Kitchen
Tuesday	Pork Sausages	Veggie Sausages	Hand-cut Potato Wedges & Vegetables	Pasta Kitchen
Wednesday	Roast Chicken	Cauliflower & Broccoli Cheese Bake	Roast Potatoes, Vegetables & Gravy	Topped Curly Fries
Thursday	Chicken Tikka Masala	Mushroom Rogan Josh	Rice & Naan	Noodle Pot
Friday	Battered Fish	Cajun Vegetable Burger	Chips & Baked Beans	Pasta Kitchen



We may only be in October but when it comes to fundraising, the planning has to start early. I am already thinking about Christmas and the first thing that needs organising is the annual Christmas Market trip and this year we are going to London! This is a little different to previous years as this trip is not specific to one market. London has so many to choose from.

If you would like to visit a Christmas market this year, this is your chance! A coach will leave Welland Park Academy at 8.00am on Sunday 6th December and will arrive in London at around 10.30am. It will leave London at 5.30pm and return to Welland Park Academy at approximately 8.00pm giving you around 7 hours to explore London.

The coach will drop passengers at a set location and then you can make your own way to whichever market or shopping area you plan to visit.

There are plenty of options for everyone – you can create your own itinerary!

For full details and payment information, please email burgessn@wellandparkacademy.com

Nicki Burgess – WPA Fundraising Lead



Dr Bike

Dr Bike Session

A Dr Bike session is a bike health and safety check carried out by a qualified mechanic. The session covers the basics of bike maintenance, including checking key components such as brakes, tyres, gears and lights to make sure your bike is safe, roadworthy and in good working order. You'll also learn how to carry out basic safety checks and simple repairs, with minor adjustments made where needed.

**Welland Park Academy
LE16 9DR**

Wednesday 25 November

3:20–4:40pm



South Leicestershire School Sports Partnership

Health | Well-being | School Sport | PE | Physical Activity



HALF TERM SPORTING ACTIVITIES



LEICESTER WARRIORS U15 ALL GIRLS

MONDAY: 6pm - 7:30pm
Highfields Community Centre,
Leicester, LE2 0PS

SATURDAY: 10am - 11:30am
Gateway Community College,
Leicester, LE5 1GA

CURRENT SCHOOL YEARS: 8, 9 & 10

SESSION COST: £5

CONTACT TO ENQUIRE:
07808 838014

FREE PREMIER LEAGUE KICKS

OCTOBER HALF-TERM

FREE | COMPETITIONS | PRIZES | WORKSHOPS

DATE	DETAILS	TIMES	AGE
Monday 19 th October	E-SPORTS TOURNAMENT King Power Stadium, LE2 7FL	10:00 am - 1:00 pm	School Years 3-6 (8-11 years)
		12:00 pm - 3:00 pm	School Years 7+ (11-18 years)
Monday 19 th October	GIRLS NIGHT OUT King Power Stadium, LE2 7FL ActiveGirls	4:00 pm - 7:00 pm	School Years 7+ (11-18 years)
Wednesday 21 st October	COUNTY TOURNAMENT Southfield Park, LE11 2AQ	10:00 am - 1:00 pm	School Years 7-9 (11-14 years)
		1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	School Years 10+ (14-18 years)
Thursday 22 nd October	CITY TOURNAMENT St Margaret's Pastures, LE13 5EA	1:30 pm - 5:00 pm	School Years 7-9 (11-14 years)
			School Years 10+ (14-18 years)
Sunday 25 th October	YOUTH PANEL RE-LAUNCH King Power Stadium, LE2 7FL	12:00 pm - 5:30 pm	12 - 18 years